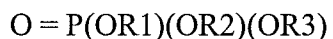


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An article of construction comprising a heat-insulating material adhered to a mineral building material and an adhesion promoting agent comprising a phosphate monoester, diester or triester represented by the formula:



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, may be the same or different and are a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated alkyl radical containing from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with halogen atoms, hydroxyl groups, ether groups containing between 1 and 12 carbon atoms, thioether groups, ester groups, amide groups, carboxyl groups, sulfonic acid groups, carboxylic anhydride groups, carbonyl groups, an aryl radical containing from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with halogen atoms, provided however that at least one of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> is not a hydrogen atom.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The ~~adhesion promoting agent~~ article of construction of claim 1 wherein the phosphate monoester, diester or triester of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate, tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate, di(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate, mono(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate, tris(2-isooctyl) phosphate, tricresyl phosphate, cresyl diphenyl phosphate, trixylyl phosphate, triphenyl phosphate, tributyl phosphate, triethyl phosphate, tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate, and combinations thereof.

4. (currently amended) The ~~adhesion promoting agent~~ article of construction of claim 1 wherein the phosphate monoester, diester or triester is adsorbed onto an inert mineral support selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, silica-alumina, sodium silicoaluminate, calcium silicate, magnesium silicate, zirconia, magnesium oxide, calcium oxide, cerium oxide and titanium oxide.

5. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim 1 wherein the adhesion promoting agent is in a A-Water-insoluble water-insoluble film-forming polymer composition comprising the phosphate monoester, diester or triester of claim 1.
6. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim ~~The Water-insoluble film-forming polymer composition of claim 5~~ wherein the water-insoluble film forming composition is in the form of an aqueous dispersion (latex) or is in the form of a redispersible latex powder.
7. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim ~~The Water-insoluble film-forming polymer composition of claim 6~~ wherein the phosphate monoester, diester or triester is present in an amount between 0.02% and 25% by weight relative to the weight of the latex powder.
8. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim ~~The Water-insoluble film-forming polymer composition of claim 7~~ wherein the phosphate monoester, diester or triester is present in an amount between 1% and 5% by weight relative to the weight of the latex powder.
9. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim ~~The Water-insoluble film-forming polymer composition of claim 5~~ wherein the polymer composition is obtained by polymerization of monomers selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters of branched or unbranched, saturated monocarboxylic acids containing from 1 to 16 carbon atoms, alkyl acrylates and methacrylates, the alkyl group of which contains from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, -vinylaromatic monomers, wherein the monomers are-copolymerized with each other or with other ethylenically unsaturated.
10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim 1 wherein the adhesion promoting agent is in a A mineral binder composition ~~comprising the phosphate monoester, diester or triester of claim 1.~~

12. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim 11 ~~The composition of claim 11~~ wherein the mineral binder is a hydraulic binder selected from the group consisting of cements, aluminous or blast-furnace type, fly ash, calcined shales and pozzolans and wherein the amount of phosphate monoester, diester or triester is between 0.01% and 50% by dry weight of phosphate monoester, diester or triester relative to the total weight of the composition.

13. (currently amended) The article of construction of claim 12 ~~The composition of claim 12~~ wherein the amount of phosphate monoester, diester or triester is between 0.02% and 2% by dry weight of the phosphate monoester, diester or triester relative to the total weight of the composition.

14. (cancelled)

15. (new) The article of construction of Claim 1 wherein the heat insulating material comprises a component select from the group consisting of mineral wools, polystyrene and polyurethane.

16.(new) The article of construction of Claim 15 wherein the heat insulating material is polystyrene.

17. (new) The article of construction of Claim 16 wherein the polystyrene is extruded or expanded polystyrene.

18. (new) The article of construction of Claim 1 wherein the mineral building material is selected from the group consisting of masonry, concrete, mineral renderings, and mortar.

19. (new) The article of construction of Claim 18 wherein the mineral building material is a substrate for ceramic tiles or a facade.

20. (new) The article of construction of Claim 1 wherein the article of construction serves to interrupt a thermal bridge.

21. (new) A method of preparing an article of construction of Claim 1 wherein the adhesion promoter is applied to a surface in the form of a primer.

22. (new) The method of Claim 21 wherein the surface is a surface of a heat insulating material.